

Criteria for Maintaining Active Participation in SHAPE California

SHAPE California agencies agree to support the mission of SHAPE California by implementing comprehensive nutrition services that promote our children's health and readiness to learn. To maintain integrity, an agency's continued participation is based on a commitment to active implementation of the SHAPE California approach by at least two partners representing different departments within the district/agency (child nutrition and either classroom, administration, or health services); participation in SHAPE California regional networking meetings; and submission of the following to document their activities.

1. Annual work plan for current school year for new agencies (*not required for agencies receiving Nutrition Education Grant funds from January 2001 through June 2002*) or SHAPE Letter of Commitment and SHAPE California Partner Data Form for continuing agencies.
2. Self-assessment of work plan for previous school year (*not required for agencies receiving Nutrition Education Grant funds from January 2001 through June 2002*).
3. Self-assessment of menus for agencies meeting any one of the following:
 - ◆ New agencies (*less than one year as SHAPE California agency*):
Two times per year for at least one year or until released by the Nutrition Services Division.
 - ◆ Established agencies with a new child nutrition director or menu writer (*more than one year as SHAPE California agency*):
Two times per year for at least one year or until released by the Nutrition Services Division.
 - ◆ Established agencies changing from either FBMP or RMP to NSMP (*more than one year as SHAPE California agency*):
Initial review with subsequent review schedule determined by the Nutrition Services Division.

To offer healthy meals, SHAPE California agencies may use any of the approved SHAPE California and/or most of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) menu planning options. The menu planning options that can be used are:

- ◆ USDA Enhanced (Food Based) Menu Planning (USDA FBMP)
- ◆ SHAPE California Revised Meal Plan (SHAPE RMP)
- ◆ USDA Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (USDA NSMP)
- ◆ USDA Assisted Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (USDA ANSMP)
- ◆ SHAPE California Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (SHAPE NSMP)
- ◆ SHAPE California Assisted Nutrient Standard Menu Planning (SHAPE ANSMP)

School districts may use any one and/or a combination of these menu planning options. They may also use one option for breakfast and another for lunch. Districts that join SHAPE California may not use the Traditional Meal Pattern as a menu planning method or combine breakfast and lunch analysis. Child care agencies may use either the menu planning options listed above or the child care food program meal pattern. Only SHAPE California agencies may use SHAPE NSMP, SHAPE ANSMP, or the SHAPE RMP.